

Order of Worship for April 5, 2026

Please take time this morning to sign the Friendship Pads. It's a great way for us to remind neighbors in the pews of our names, and to share contact information with the church office!

Gathering

Prayer of Preparation

God of glory, fill your church with the power that flows
from Christ's resurrection, that, in the midst of the sinful world,
it may signal the beginning of a renewed humanity, risen to new life
with Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Book of Common Worship

Prelude

"Thine Be the Glory"

Handel

"Rondeau"

Mouret

Brass Quartet

Joe Paule and Gabi Grasso, trumpets
Jacob Melsha and Jim Owens, trombones

Welcome

Rev. Steve Aeschbacher
Associate Pastor

Praising

Prayer of Invocation

8:30 -- Tom Thomas, Liturgist
11:00 -- Don Guenther, Liturgist

*Call to Worship

—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Leader: God has claimed us as his own.

People: He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 223

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

**Please stand, in body or in spirit!*

Confessing

Call to Confession of Faith

Confession of Faith (in unison) —from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 45

By his resurrection Jesus has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. By his power we too are already raised to a new life. Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

*Confession Response, No. 961

“Glory Be to the Father”

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end, Amen. Amen.

Proclaiming

*Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 15:1-6, 12-22

Pew Bible, p. 961

*Scripture Response

—from Hebrews 4:12, 16

Leader: The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

People: **Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

Message:

“Fact-Checking Easter”

Rev. Dr. Shultz

Responding

*Hymn No. 182

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

Please sing only stanzas One -- Three

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive
our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

arr. Larson

Chancel Choir

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore!
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come
And take His servants up To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say rejoice! Rejoice!

*Offertory Response

(tune found at Hymn No. 843)

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Sending

*Hymn No. 193

(Please sing only stanzas 1-4)

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

DUKE STREET

*As we sing this hymn, worshipers are invited to come forward and join the choir
as we sing the Hallelujah Chorus. Come to the choir loft,
receive a copy of the music, and take a place with the choir.*

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Shultz

***Benediction Response**

“Hallelujah” from *Messiah*

Handel

Choir, Brass, and Members of the congregation. Christian Bennington, tympani

Postlude

“Easter Paean”

David Lasky

Nancy Mayo, organist

Bonhomme Mission Partners:

Local:

The Freedom School
The Haven of Grace
Inside Out Prison Ministry
Isaiah 58
Oasis International Ministries
Restore St. Louis
Samaritan's Purse

International:

Comfort Foundation [Russia]
El Centro Integral [Honduras]
Todd and Julie Hendry [Brazil]
Anonymous [India]
Ron and Lisa Redell
[North Macedonia]
Daniel and Sarah Puttcamp
[Global Outreach]